(b) whether the said card has been given by the Authority to its employees; and

(c) if so, the time taken in providing these cards after the said announcement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Airports Authority of India has not announced any 'Smart Card' Scheme.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Inadequate Facilities at Airports

†597. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to irregularities, mismanagement and inadequate facilities at airports, passengers and their relatives have to face various problems;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to non-maintenance of buildings and their deteriorated condition people have to stand in water in rainy days;

(c) if so, whether it is also a fact that despite charging extra amount from the passengers no attention is being paid towards their facilities;

(d) if so, whether Government will take steps to provide better facilities to the passengers; and

(e) if so, by when and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Passenger facilities provided at various airports are upgraded continuously keeping in view the traffic requirements. Whenever new terminals are constructed, these are all equipped with modern passenger facilities including flight display boards, conveyor belts, X-Ray baggage equipments, restaurants, snack bars, STD/PCO counters, Travellers Requisites Stalls, etc.

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